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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, line 23 to page 14, line 15 with the following paragraph:

Fig. 4b is a GUI in which the message may be presented to the sender. Except for RESCIND button 450, the GUI is identical to the one in Fig. 4a. When RESCIND button 450 is asserted, the GUI in Fig. 6 may be displayed. Fig. 6 depicts a representative GUI that may be used to rescind or preclude recipients from accessing a message. The e-mail addresses of all the recipients to whom the message was addressed are listed in the figure. Thus, the sender may choose which one(s) of the recipients who are not to access the message. To do so, the sender may enter a checkmark in box 604 next to the e-mail addresses of the recipients to be precluded from accessing the message. If the ~~recipient~~ sender enters a checkmark in box 602, a check mark will automatically be entered in all boxes 604. In this case, the e-mail message will be rescinded. When the sender is satisfied, the sender may assert OK button 606. Upon asserting OK button 606, Fig. 4b may be re-displayed. In this case, the e-mail address of any recipient who has been excluded will not be displayed in any of boxes 400, 405 and 410. As customary, if the sender reconsiders, the sender may assert CANCEL button 608. In any case, when a recipient who has been precluded from accessing the message attempts to retrieve the message, an error message such as "SORRY MESSAGE HAS BEEN RESCINDED" may be returned to the recipient.

Please replace the paragraph on page 16, lines 24 – 32 with the following paragraph:

If the message is a modified message, the server may consult the cross-referencing table in Fig. 7 to determine which private key to use to encrypt the

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message. As mentioned earlier, the private key used has to be the same as the one used to encrypt the original message. After encrypting the modified message, the sender may replace the original (or previous) message in storage with the modified message before the process ends (steps 800, 802, 814 816 and 812).

        Please replace the paragraph on page 17, lines 1 – 12 with the following paragraph:

        Fig. 9 is a flowchart of a process that may be used by a server servicing a sender when an e-mail message is being accessed. The ~~sender~~ server will compare the e-mail address of the person attempting to access the e-mail message with the email addresses of the recipients and the sender of the message. If the person attempting to access the e-mail message has the same e-mail address as the sender or anyone of the recipients of the e-mail message, the person will be allowed to access the e-mail message. Otherwise, an error message such as MESSAGE HAS BEEN RESCINDED may be generated before the process ends (steps 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912 and 914).